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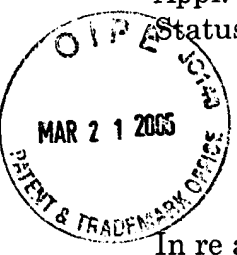
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STORAGE DEVICE AND
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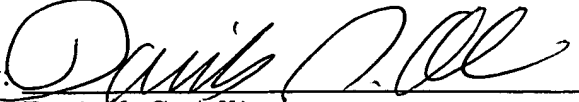
Dear Sir:

This application was filed on September 25, 2003 and receipt acknowledged by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in the Filing Receipt dated December 18, 2003. The last correspondence from the USPTO was a Notice of Publication of Application, which we received on February 16, 2005. However, we are still waiting for a first Office Action.

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